Cadre review of MES officers

2341. CHAUDHARY CHUNNI LAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cadre review of MES officers, initiated in 1988, is still pending approval/implementation;

(b) whether Pay Commission was informed by the Ministry of Defence in 1995 that second cadre review of MES officers was in advanced stage of finalisation;

(c) if so, the reasons for its non-finalisation for last four years;

(d) how the problem of stagnation in MES cadres is proposed to be redirected, in view of abnormal delay; and

(e) by which date the cadre review would be finalised and implemented?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES):(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) In view of the complicated nature of the case involving both military and civilian personnel, the cadre review involves examination of the service conditions of the military personnel as also the conditions of service of the civilian officers. Consequently finalisation of the Cadre Review has not yet been possible.

Production of SU-30 in the country

2342. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Economic Times dated the 8th December, 1998 under the caption, "Big financial gains seen in local production of SU-30";

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to produce SU-30 in the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasosn therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Preliminary discussions have been held with the Russian manufacturers of SU-30 aircraft for the phased manufacturing of SU-30 in India under licence. The final decision in the matter is yet to be taken.

Criticism of Tripura Government by an army official

2343. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a)whether an army official posted in Tripura has criticised the Tripura Government while talking to the press correspondents;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the concerned official had consulted Government before making such a criticism; and

(d) the action taken by Government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) Certain information has been received from the State Government of Tripura recently. Further details are being collected.

Army Chief's statement regarding Sino-Indian border

2344. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a statement of the Chief of Army staff, reported in the Asian Age dated february 11, 1999, to the effect that undemarcated Sino-Indian border and Chinese continuing military assistance to India's neighbours had the potential for fuelling tensions or a conflict; and

(b) if so, how far Government agree with the apprehensions expressed by the Army Chief?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) While delivering a speech at MD University, Rohtak on 10.2.1999, the Chief of Army Staff (COAS) mentioned that India-China border was